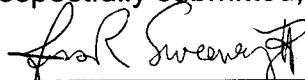


REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement dated September 22, 2006. Applicants elect Species II for examination. Claims 5, 7 and 9 were previously withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement dated November 14, 2005. Applicants acknowledge that claims to additional species that include the limitations of any allowed generic claims will be considered upon such allowance. Applicants submit that at least claim 1 is generic. Applicants also dispute that Species II, III, IV, V and VI are mutually exclusive of one another. There is nothing mutually exclusive about a cover shaped like a dog and a cover with either a sound chip or an illumination device. Indeed, a cover shaped like a dog could also comprise a sound chip, an illumination device, or both. Similarly, a cover with a sound chip and/or an illumination device need not, but could be shaped like a dog. So, too, the fictional character of claim 17 could, but need not be a dog, such as for example, the fictional Pluto of Disney World renown. In any event, consistent with the restriction requirement, claims 16-17 and 26-27 have been withdrawn, leaving for examination claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10-15, 18-25, and 28-40.

The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

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